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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE ELECTION MEDIA COVERAGE

1. DURING THREE DAYS OF REPORTING ELECTION RESULTS, THREE OUT OF SIX LISBON DAILIES (SECULO, DIARIO POPULAR, CAPITAL) GAVE EARLY AND CONTINUOUS FRONT PAGE PLAY TO SOCIALIST ELECTION VICTORY. DIARIO DE NOTICIAS AND DIARIO DE LISBOA DOWNPLAYED SOCIALIST GAINS IN ARTICLES OR ELECTION CHARTS ON INSIDE PAGES WHICH OFTEN DID NOT CONTAIN TOTAL COUNTRY-WIDE FIGURES. DN CAUTIOUSLY HELD TO SAMPLE HEADLINES SUCH AS "FINAL RESULTS OF ELECTIONS WILL BE KNOWN TODAY"; DIARIO DE LISBOA TENDED TO USE FRONT PAGE BANNERS SUCH AS "SLIGHT LEFTIST INCREASE IN LATEST COUNT" WHILE VIEWING RESULTS FROM PCP VANTAGE POINT; AND SOCIALIST REPUBLICA REFERRED TO PS GAINS AS A "VICTORY OF THE PEOPLE."

2. RADIO-TELEVISION NEWS REPORTS TENDED TO EMPHASIZE DISTRICT TALLIES, OFTEN WITHOUT GIVING TOTAL COUNTRY-WIDE FIGURES, MAKING IT DIFFICULT FOR CASUAL VIEWER TO KNOW WHO WAS WINNING.

3. COMMENT: SOME (BUT NOT ALL) OF THE REPORTING LAPSES

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MAY BE ACCOUNTED FOR BY NEWSMEN'S LACK OF EXPERIENCE WITH

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